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SECURITY INFORMATION

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SIE-5*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DCI

SUBJECT: SIE-5: Soviet Air Defense Capabilities 1952-54

BACKGROUND

1. Initiation of SIE-5 was approved by the IAC on 1 November 1951 as a re-examination of a critically important subject on which much new evidence was available.

SUBSTANCE

2. The chief difficulty in SIE-5 has been a prolonged difference of opinion between Air Force and practically all of the other IAC agencies, particularly Navy and O/SI, over certain crucial aspects of the estimate. The result was a protracted series of working level and IAC Representative meetings in May, June, July, and finally September, ^{mainly} largely in an attempt to modify the paper to meet the AF point of view. During these meetings the other agencies accepted numerous compromises in an effort to secure AF agreement, in many cases reluctantly retreating from previously held positions solely to avoid dissent.

3. When several differences were still unresolved, O/NE called in three eminent technical consultants* to join the Board and hear the evidence of both sides. They accepted the AF point of view in some ^{few} cases but ^{the majority of cases,} and not in others, and support the estimate as now drafted.

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Background.

1. - Initiation
2. - Much work many meetings
3. - AD interim Bd Mems - because of technical nature of the evidence.

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on the Bd known to & approved
by the agencies in advance
of ^{their} service on the Bd.

The Board

Substance

That
I believe the weight of
present evidence
is adequate to
sustain all the
estimates in the
paper

all the apine, except the AF have reached
agreement on the present text. The AF which
not dissenting from the ~~and para~~
paper feels that " --- "

The AI VSAF while not dissenting
from The paper " is concerned --- (1st 5) "

(see AI VSAF ~~for~~ statement attached
for his full remarks in full)